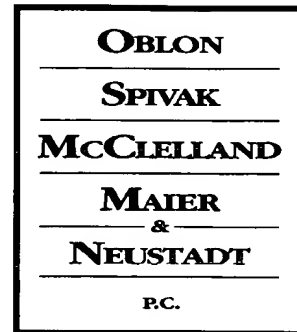




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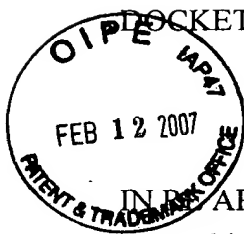


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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which further action will be taken on this Application. An Amendment was filed June 22, 2006, responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006.

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